

Office Chief of State Police,

AUSTIN, TEXAS,

Jan 6, 1871.

Mr David Kent

Pol. State Police

Austin, Texas.

Sir: I transmit herewith your Commission as Private  
of State Police.

If you accept the appointment you will subscribe the enclosed oath  
and have it acknowledged by competent authority, and return it to this  
Office with a letter stating your age, color, and postoffice address.

If you do not accept please return the commission.

You will report for duty to

Capt<sup>n</sup> Alexander, I.P.

Respectfully,

James D. ...

Chief of Police State of Texas.

NOTE.—Appointments not accepted within a reasonable time will be cancelled.

The State of Texas,

To David Kent, Dr.

		Dollars.	Cents.
To services as Private of State Police,			
1 <sup>st</sup> District, from Jan'y 17 to			
Jan'y 31, 1871, being 14 days,			
at fifty dollars per month.		28	00

I hereby certify, on honor, that David Kent was  
actually employed as Private of State Police, 1<sup>st</sup>  
District, during the time above specified.

James Davidson  
Chief of State Police.

Received of Jas Davidson Chief Pol the sum  
of twenty eight dollars and 00 cents, in full of  
the above account.

(Signature.)

David Kent  
State Police.

VOUCHER No.

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**MUSTER AND PAY ROLL,**

*Jan'y* 31 1871.

Name *David Hunt*  
*Private*

Amount \$ *28 00/100.*

In the Name  and by the Authority of

## The State of Texas.

Know Ye, That I, **EDMUND J. DAVIS**, Governor of the State of Texas, reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and ability of David Kent do appoint him Private in State Police of Texas, to rank as Private from the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy One. He is, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Private by doing and performing all manner of things, thereunto belonging; and I do strictly charge and require all persons under his command to be obedient to his orders, as Private of Police; and he is to observe, and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as he shall receive from his superior officers, set over him according to the rules and discipline, laid down for the guidance of the Police forces of this State.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Austin, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy One, and the Independence of Texas the Thirty fifth

Edmund J. Davis

Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:

J. Q. Oldright

Secretary of State.

Wm. J. Brown

Chief of Police State of Texas.